

DATE: March 16, 2004

TO: CITY CLERK

FROM: REPRESENTATIVE PAUL J. ESCOBAR

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Please place the following item on the (Check one): CONSENT REGULAR _____

Agenda for the Council Meeting of MARCH 23, 2004 - APPOINTMENT

APPOINTMENT OF LAURA FOSTER KISSACK TO THE EL PASO PUBLIC ARTS

Item should read as follows: COMMISSION BY REP. PAUL J. ESCOBAR, DISTRICT 6.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM

Item No. _____

BOARD COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: EL PASO PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION

NOMINATED BY: REPRESENTATIVE PAUL J. ESCOBAR DISTRICT: 6

NAME OF APPOINTEE LAURA FOSTER KISSACK
(Please verify correct spelling of name)

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

WHO WAS THE LAST PERSON TO HAVE HELD THIS POSITION BEFORE IT BECAME VACANT?

CARL E. RYAN

REASON PERSON IS NO LONGER IN OFFICE (CHECK ONE): TERM EXPIRED:

RESIGNED

REMOVED

OTHER (SPECIFY): _____

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: 4/05

EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE: 4/05

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: 1st TERM:

2nd TERM

UNEXPIRED TERM:

OTHER

Laura Foster Kissack

History

Fall 2000 - present

Laura Kissack Design Office

Designer. Currently completing construction documents for two residential projects; design clients include Andover's Desert Crossing, The Greenery Bed & Breakfast, and The Eatery, (an eatside restaurant to begin construction in late 2002).

Fall 1999 through Fall 2000

City of El Paso, Department of Planning, Research and Development

Urban Planner. Part of team that generated a plan and projects from a pilot neighborhood planning process. Developed strategies to address the planning area's concerns. Worked as a team member responsible for researching implementation and making presentations for a street enhancement project.

- Co-produced status report on the Union Plaza Redevelopment Projects, a resource for government, consultants and potential private investors.
- Rewrite application for the Union Plaza District administrative review process, streamlining developer applications.
- Conducted architectural survey of potential adaptive reuse opportunities in Downtown El Paso.
- Prepared schematic and final presentation concepts for numerous downtown redevelopment scenarios.

Spring through Summer, 1999; Winter through Spring, 1995

Wright and Dahlia Architects, El Paso

Architectural Designer. Prepared construction and historic review documents. Prepared site studies for residential, commercial and industrial development projects. Designed presentations. Designed and observed construction of additions and renovation at Andover's Desert Crossing, a banquet facility in Sutherland Park, New Mexico.

Summer 1995 through Winter, 1999

Perspectiva, El Paso

Architectural Designer, Marketing Manager. Worked on teams producing programming, design and construction documents for two streetscape projects, two schools and one state agency building. Established marketing archive. Produced presentations and wrote numerous proposals.

Spring through Summer 1994

Master Construction, El Paso

Quantity/cost estimator and administrator for residential construction projects.

Spring 1994

Martiza Torrey, Architect, El Paso

Residential project designer.

Summer 1993

Hodgetts and Fung Architects, Santa Monica

Architectural Intern. Built models of remodeling at Los Angeles International Airport for study and competition.

Spring 1993

Received Master of Architecture degree from SCI-Arc (Southern California Institute of Architecture)

While attending school in Los Angeles, edited *Off-Ramp* magazine, a design review and collaboration between the school and Cal-Arts. SCI-Arc curriculum included urban design programs that focused on Los Angeles and Tokyo.

Work featured in Gallery Exhibits: *Rock City Revisited*, Los Angeles, Fall 1992
Metropolis or Arachnida, Tokyo, Spring 1991

Summer through Fall 1991

Morphosis Architects, Tokyo

Design team member. Produced construction documents for a JPGA golf course.

Fall 1990 through Summer 1991

Kenzo Hataiwa, Architect, Tokyo

Architectural intern. Worked on teams for design competitions.

Summer 1989

Ford, Powell and Carson Architects, San Antonio

Architectural intern. Performed miscellaneous tasks in established San Antonio design office.

Fall 1984 through Spring 1986

University of Texas at Austin

Major in English Literature.

Service

Committee member and participant: Building Imagination 1999 and 2000, a Central Business District event

Committee member, El Paso Pride Project for median landscaping along Mesa, 2000.

Team liaison, crewmember: Christmas in April 2000

Active member: Chimali Foundation, Marfa, Texas

Membership captain, board member: Memorial Park Improvement Association, 1996-2000.

Lecture organizer: El Paso Chapter of the American Institute of Architecture, 1995-1996